

## Claims:

1 A solvent comprising a solution in water of a non-caustic alkali, a blend of ionic and non-ionic surfactants and a blend of water compatible organic solvents.

2 A solvent comprising a solution in water of:

- an alkanolamide
- a sodium salt of an organic chelate
- a non-ionic surfactant
- an amphoteric surfactant
- a terpenol solvent, and
- a glycol ether solvent.

3 A solvent according to claim 2, in which the alkanolamide is triethanolamide.

4 A solvent according to claim 2 or claim 3, in which the sodium salt is that of trinitrioloacetic acid.

5 A solvent according to any one of claims 2 to 4, in which the non-ionic surfactant is fatty acid ethoxylate.

6 A solvent according to any one of claims 2 to 5, in which the amphoteric surfactant is Laurylbetaine.

7 A solvent according to any one of claims 2 to 6, in which the terpenol; solvent is D-Limonene.

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8 A solvent according to any one of claims 2 to 7, in which the glycol-ether solvent is 1-methoxy-2-propanol.

9 A solvent according to any one of claims 1 to 8, containing a colorant.

10 A method for making a solvent, comprising forming a solution in water of a non-caustic alkali, a blend of ionic and non-ionic surfactants and a blend of water compatible organic solvents.

11 A method according to claim 10, in which the solution is formed at ambient temperature.

12 A method according to claim 10 or claim 11, in which the product is stirred to achieve dispersion.

13 A method according to any one of claims 10 to 12, in which the non-caustic alkali, the surfactants and the organic solvents are added to water in that order.

14 A solvent made by a method according to any one of claims 10 to 13.

15 A solvent substantially as hereinbefore set forth with reference to the Formulation and the permitted substitutions.